

All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. We are voting on a motion by Senator Peter Hoagland to add an amendment to LB 631. May we have the cooperation of the membership, please, for the recording of your vote. Obviously we need some assistance by members of the Legislature to expedite our agenda this morning. Please record your vote on the Hoagland amendment to LB 631. Please record your vote on the Hoagland amendment to LB 631, aye or nay. We ask for your cooperation. Please record your vote on the Hoagland amendment to LB 631. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Hoagland's amendment.

PRESIDENT: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Let me, if I might, Mr. President, explain the bill. Earlier this morning each of you received at your desk a synopsis of LB 631, a little handout, a little memorandum that describes the four principal things that LB 631 does. Before setting out those four things, let me give you just a little bit of background. You will recall in 1981 Senator Haberman and Senator Nichol and I and others who were in the Legislature then worked very hard to get a comprehensive drunk driving bill through and that legislation basically did a lot of things, but the most important things it did was to set down mandatory license suspensions and mandatory jail time for persons who were picked up and convicted of first, second, and third offense drunk driving. And since 1981, it has been the law in the State of Nebraska that anyone convicted of drunk driving for the first time, first offenders, must lose their license for 60 days and the judges in the State of Nebraska have no authority to suspend that particular sentence. That 60 day license suspension is mandatory. Now also since 1981 it has been the law of the State of Nebraska that second offense drunk drivers must lose their license for 6 months and must serve 48 hours in a county jail, whether they are a judge or an attorney or a physician or a state senator. If you are picked up for a second offense drunk driving, it is 48 hours in jail and it is a 6 month loss of license. For third